(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that there are no orders|instructions to commercial banks, including State Bank of India, not to sanction|release housing loans to individuals.

Environmental Clearance for Establishing of Hotels in Madhya Pradesh

1233. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for establishing hotels|resorts in various parts of the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, how many hotel projects have been given clearance from the Environmental point of view by Government;

(c) how many such hotel projects were from the State of Madhya Pradesh and out of them how many have been given clearance by Government; and

(d) by when the rest of the projects are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eighteen projects from Goa have been granted approval in the last two years. No hotel project from Madhya Pradesh has been referred for environmental consideration so far.

(d) No hotel project is pending.

Air and noise pollution near the Major Hospitals in Delhi

1234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major hospitals, viz., Safdarjang, A.I.I.M.S., Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Sucheta Kripalani and Kalawati Saran in the capital are situated near busy roads which causes air and noise pollution at the maximum level in these hospitals; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the air quality survey, the air pollution levels in Delhi are by and large within the prescribed limits. While the levels of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are well within the limits, the levels of suspended particulate matter are on the higher side.

According to the ambient noise level survey, the ambient noise levels in the hospital area range between 63 and 69 decibels (A scale) against the prescribed standards of 50. The hospital are located in busy inter-sections with high traffic density.

(b) The remedial action taken and proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, include:—

(1) The Ministry of Surface Transport have advised the various State Transport Directorates including the Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration, to enforce the gross emission standards notified under the Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

(2) The Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration have launched an education and awareness camping.

(3) Checking facilities have been provided to assess pollution from vehicles as well as facilities for rectification by tuning of the engine.

(4) Ambient air quality standards have been notified.

(5) Ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different areas have been prescribed. Noise limits have also been prescribed for automobiles domestic appliances and con-